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1. Credit Card Payment PTO-2038;
2. Fee Transmittal (PTO/SB/17);
3. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (PTO/SB/30);
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5. Three (3) pages of Form PTO-1449 citing nine (9) documents;
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7. One (1) return postcard.

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